

REMARKS

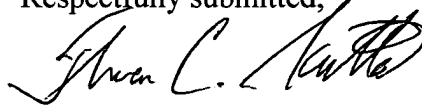
Claims 1-7 have been canceled, thereby obviating the Section 112 objections.

The claims have now been amended to expressly include and better define the corner eave members, as distinguished from the eave members, both in the article claims as well as the method claims. The invention now requires the presence of corner eave members that have non-linear backings and a non-planar exposed surface, the backers being angled or curved such that the exposed surface extends around the corner of the eave.

This feature is not anticipated by the prior art nor is it taught, suggested or motivated by the prior art alone or in combination. The Huber patent makes no reference to eave members or corner members. The Simpson patent teaches eave members, but makes no mention of corner eave members. In the Butler patent, the rug-like thatch structure is merely wrapped downward and under the eave (Fig. 7 and col. 7, lines 43-60). To address the problem of edges or joints, the roof covering is trimmed and abutted, then joined in a continuous seam (col. 8, lines 30-38). No specific mention is made of eave corners, but the seam joining technique would be used to accomplish this as well, as the corner seams would be extensions of the roof edges.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as now presented are patentable, on the basis of the above remarks, and reconsideration and subsequent passage for allowance is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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